

**REMARKS**

The application has been amended to overcome the examiner's objections and rejections.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sowell et al.

Claims 2, 4, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sowell et al. in view of Gibson.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sowell et al. in view of Kucharczyk et al.

Claim 1 was amended to claim a "back overlap portion adapted for folding over and completely covering a back rest portion of the cart child seat, the back overlap portion having a seat belt permanently attached in two interconnectable parts to an end of the back overlap portion extending from the end and a pair of seat belt receiving openings through the back overlap portion in alignment with a waist area of a child in the child seat, the end of the back overlap portion extending down a back of the child seat so that the end of the back overlap portion aligns with the pair of seat belt receiving openings, the two portions of the seat belt each adapted for running through an open area of the shopping cart seat back and through one of the seat belt receiving openings in the back support portion of the cover and the two portions of the seat belt adapted to be interconnected by a buckle means around the child to hold the child in the cart child seat and retain the back overlap portion secured to a back of the cart child seat for holding the back overlap portion in place so that the seat belt secures the back overlap portion of the cover and the child to the seat in the shopping cart. " None of the prior art patents taken singly or together have a seat belt extending in two interconnectable parts from the end of the overlapping portion of the rear panel and extending through an open area of the shopping cart seat back and through one each of the seat belt receiving openings in the

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back support portion of the cover to secure both the child and the panel to the shopping cart seat. This strong safety feature of the present invention creates a stronger attachment of the cover and safer environment for the child. The 102 rejection is therefore seen to be overcome and amended claim 1 is seen to be allowable.

Claims 2-5 depend upon and further limit claim 1 now seen to be allowable, therefore the 103 rejections are seen to be overcome and claims 2-5 are seen to be allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, claims 1-5 are seen to be allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 is respectfully requested.

A Petition for an Automatic Extension of Time of two months and a petition fee of \$210 for response within the first two months are enclosed herewith (credit card form). No additional fee is seen to be due.

Respectfully submitted,



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